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SRS LW contract appeal is rejected

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Savannah River Remediation will become the next liquid waste contractor at the Savannah River Site after a challenger's protest over the award was denied.

The Government Accountability Office confirmed to the Aiken Standard Monday that the protest filed by the Parsons-led Savannah River Tank Closure LLC group had been denied, which clears the way for SRR to begin the transition to take over the contract.

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"We denied the protest which means the award stands," said Michael Golden, general counsel for the GOA.

"We are pleased that the Government Accountability Office affirmed the Department of Energy's decision to select Savannah River Remediation as the liquid waste contractor for the Savannah River Site," said Jim French, SRR project manager. "We and our partner companies have been a part of SRS for two decades.

"This team brings a wealth of experience, including working with customers from DOE and the private sector, to build on the world-class SRS safety culture and unmatched ability to deliver results," he continued. "We will begin the transition immediately so we can continue to safely treat and dispose of liquid waste, ultimately resulting in the closure of waste tanks."

A URS Corp.-led group, SRR was awarded the \$3.3 billion Department of Energy contract to manage the liquid waste at SRS on Dec. 7.

According to the Department of Energy, Parsons filed a protest with the immediate impact of putting on hold the transition from one URS group - Washington Savannah River Company - to another - SRR.

In making its decision, the Government Accountability Office evaluated SRR and the Parsons-led project against a long list of criteria, such as proposed key personnel, including chief executive officer and laboratory director; organization and management structure; technical approach to the various missions at SRS, including the National Laboratory; environment, safety and health; past performance and relevant experience.

The liquid waste contract calls for the completion of the environmental management mission at SRS.

It will involve the treatment and disposal of the radioactive liquid wastes presently stored in 49 underground tanks and the radioactive liquid waste resulting from planned nuclear materials stabilization activities, the operational closure of the 49 underground storage tanks and the deactivation of the major facilities and equipment that compose the liquid waste system.

These contain an estimated 35 million gallons of liquid radioactive waste, some of the worst chemical remnants of the Cold War.

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